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SUBJ: SAUDI- UAE TALKS IN DAMMAM

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1. WE HAVE NOW HAD READINGS FROM DEPFONMIN MAS' UD (WHO PARTICI-
PATED IN TALKS) AND FROM PRINCE SULTAN ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
YAMANI- OTAIBA MEETINS IN DAMMAM AT END OF APRIL. ACCORDING TO
MAS' UD UAE HAD APPARENTLY SOUGHT TALKS MERELY TO CLARIFY SOME
ASPECTS OF SAUDI POSITION AS SET OUT IN KING' S BOUNDARY OFFER OF
SPRING 1970. UAE HAD BROUGHT NO NEW IDEAS TO MEETING, WHICH HAD
LASTED FOR ONE SESSION ONLY. NO DATE SET FOR RENEWAL OF TALKS.
OTAIBA HAD GONE AWAY STATING HE WOULD LET SAUDI SIDE KNOW WHENEVER
ANOTHER MEETING MIGHT BE REQUIRED.

2. SULTAN WAS MORE CAUSTIC, ASSERTING THAT SINCE UAE HAD ASKED
FOR APPOINTMENT SAUDIS HAD HOPED FOR SOMETHING NEW FROM SHAIKH
ZAYID. OTAIBA HAD COME WITH NO AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXER-
CISE HAD BEEN ESSENTIALLY FUTILE. SULTAN' S FRANK OPINION WAS
THAT ABU DHABI HAD ENGAGED ESSENTIALLY IN A PROPAGANDA

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